



## Loudoun County, Virginia

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### **RE: Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act HOA Information Session**

Dear Loudoun County HOA Representative:

A representative of your Homeowner's Association (HOA) is cordially invited to attend a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act HOA Information Session on Saturday, September 18, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room at the County Government Center at 1 Harrison Street, in Leesburg. The purpose of the meeting is for County Staff to provide an overview of the proposed Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act amendments, to include how the amendments could affect HOAs and individual property owners, and to answer questions. The meeting will also be broadcast on Comcast Government Channel 23, Verizon FIOS Channel 40, and Open Band Channel 40 and can be viewed during or following the meeting on the Loudoun County website at [www.loudoun.gov/webcast](http://www.loudoun.gov/webcast).

In order to facilitate the meeting, Staff requests that each HOA representative submit the top two HOA questions or concerns regarding the draft Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act amendments through the Chesapeake Bay Hotline or e-mail address provided below by September 10, 2010, so that these issues can be addressed in the presentation. Additional questions and concerns will be welcome during the Session.

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors initiated the development and enactment of components of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (Bay Act) on April 7, 2009, for the purpose of protecting water quality in Loudoun County. The Board of Supervisors will continue their discussion of the proposed amendments during their Business Meeting on September 21, 2010.

Land within Loudoun County is proposed to be designated as either Resource Protection Area (RPA) or Resource Management Area (RMA). The RPA consists of lands adjacent to perennial water bodies (that flow year round) that are sensitive to impacts which may cause significant degradation to the quality of Loudoun County waters. The RPA includes wetlands connected by surface flow and contiguous to perennial water bodies and a 100-foot buffer located adjacent to and landward of perennial water bodies and connected wetlands. Development within the RPA is limited in order to preserve a natural vegetated buffer that filters nonpoint source pollution and protects water quality. The RMA consists of all land outside the RPA. While development within the RMA is not limited; applicable performance criteria would apply.

Additional information related to the proposed amendments, including Frequently Asked Questions, is available on the Loudoun County website at [www.loudoun.gov/chesapeakebay](http://www.loudoun.gov/chesapeakebay). You may also call the Chesapeake Bay Hotline at (703) 777-0655 or e-mail staff at [ChesBay@loudoun.gov](mailto:ChesBay@loudoun.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this important Loudoun County water quality initiative. I look forward to seeing you at the Information Session.

Sincerely,

*Laura Edmonds*

Laura Edmonds, Chesapeake Bay Project Manager